

Home Visiting Program

West Virginia

West Virginia Home Visitation is funded in part through federal investments from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program), and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to at-risk pregnant women and parents with young children.

The Home Visiting Program, which builds upon decades of scientific research, provides voluntary, culturally-appropriate, individually-tailored supports to families in their homes, including providing information about children's health, development, and safety, and when appropriate, referrals to support services.

Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2014, home visitors in West Virginia:

- Made 11,173 home visits to 2,522 parents and children in 1,300 families
- Enrolled 1,202 new parents and children to the program
- Served families living in communities in 29 counties across the state, or 53% of West Virginia counties

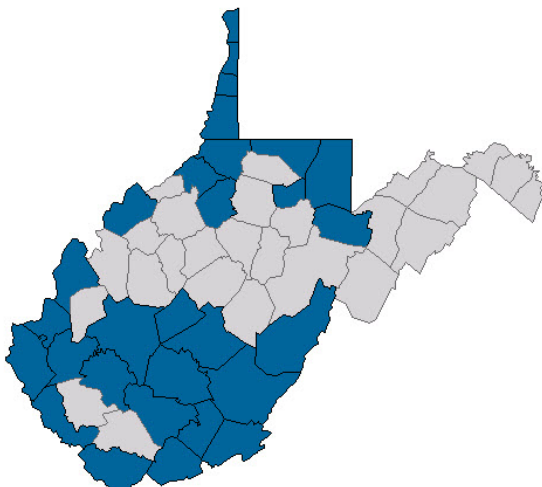
The Home Visiting Program in West Virginia:

- Has achieved universal screening, using standardized tools, for several constructs
- Has increased cross-model training to maximize resources and reduce duplication
- Has integrated home visiting core competencies with all early childhood competencies

Like all Home Visiting Program grantees, West Virginia uses evidence-based home visiting models that are proven to improve child health and to be cost effective. West Virginia leverages federal funds to implement the following models to serve children and families across the state:

- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Parents as Teachers](#)
- [Early Head Start](#)

Counties with home visiting services funded by federal grants from the Home Visiting Program (as of February 2015)*:



*Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Greenbrier, Hancock, Kanawha, Lincoln, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Pocahontas, Preston, Raleigh, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Wayne, Wetzel, Wood

More about West Virginia:

[West Virginia Home Visitation](#)

[National Survey of Children's Health 2011/2012 West Virginia Profile](#)

[Maternal & Child Health Measures and Grants in West Virginia](#)

The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in close partnership with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The Program supports at-risk pregnant women and families, and helps parents of children from birth to kindergarten entry tap the resources and hone the skills they need to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Research shows that home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.